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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Last week the dissident students and non-students in Berkeley, California, found just exactly the "d----d if they do and d----d if they don't" type of dilemma to present the overworked and constantly harassed authorities at the University of California in Berkeley. By appropriating to their own use a valuable piece of the University's real estate which the University had definitely expressed intentions of utilizing for school recreation needs, the authorities were faced with two basic alternatives: one, to ignore the dissidents and thereby seem to acquiesce in their illegal activity; or two, to force evacuation of the cleverly named "People's Park" and move ahead with their own plans for the property. In an apparent effort to continue the University's present attempt to reflect an image of resistance to blackmail and violence, Dr. Roger W. HEYNS fenced in the park and has taken, with the aid of local law enforcement agencies, all necessary measures to maintain University control of this small piece of terra firma. In the face of a mounting crescendo of dissident voices, authorities have stood firm. There have been several days when reaction by the law enforcement forces may have been somewhat stronger than needed, although this is debatable. In any case, it did give the dissidents a cause and as a result, they have been joined sympathetically and/or physically by many other moderates and radicals from other Bay area campuses and communities. Dissident tactics calculated to promote additional confrontation and, of course, to escalate involvement of others, have ranged from childish and erratic behavior and obscene taunting to the violence of throwing rocks, etc.

The Berkeley campus is where the die of modern college protest history was cast five years ago, and indications are that the school has never returned to a condition approaching normalcy. The Peoples Park incident may undo some of the progress the school has made since 1964.

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The use of policemen from all over the Bay area along with a large contingent of the California National Guard has stirred the sympathy of many radicals, moderates, and also some of the conservative teachers and students. The enforcement agencies are being charged with the overuse of force. Tear gas, for instance, was released without warning from a helicopter into the demonstrating student mass enveloping also the University hospital and a children's wading pool.

Syndicated columnist Joseph KRAFT classified the present Berkeley strife as far more grave than generally supposed and grossly under-reported. KRAFT believes that what is happening is an injudicious major intensification of the academic civil war and a crushing loss for the dwindling band of moderates. Charles PALMER, the graduating student body president, who has been playing ball with the University administration for the past four years combatting left-wingers, calls the action of the chancellor incredibly stupid.

The Berkeley division of the University of California Academic Senate voted last Friday 642 to 95 for a resolution supporting continuation of the park and the immediate withdrawal of the massive police and military presence. In a student government conducted referendum on campus, 85 percent of nearly 15,000 students voting, endorsed continuation of the park.

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

- May - June Boston, Massachusetts, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - It has been reported that SDS members at Harvard and Boston Universities had met with members of the Iron Cross Motorcycle Club at Boston to learn to make Molotov cocktails and bombs. Some bombs and cocktails were made and SDS was supposed to be considering exploding them at historical sites in Boston and Philadelphia during May and June. This allegation seems a bit fantastic but a similar plot was hatched last year by colored militants and arrests made. No bombings attributable to this SDS plotting have been noted to date.
- May 25 - 30 Chicago, Illinois - SDS is planning demonstrations against the Command Officers Conference at the University of Illinois. A leaflet issued by SDS reports that SDS intends to force the conference off the campus.
- May 30 \*Berkeley, California - On 26 May, individuals who have been active in the "People's Party Movement" were to begin a week of dissident activities to include marches, speeches, and a "recruitment" band concert. Friday has been designated as "The day to hit the fence."
- May 30 Ft. Sill, Oklahoma - SDS and the Committee to End the War in Vietnam plan to demonstrate at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, on Armed Forces Day to protest the wasted money in holding an Armed Forces Day.
- May 30 - June 1 Cincinnati, Ohio - The National Black Youth Congress plans to hold a conference at which H. Rap Brown, Le'roi Jones, and several other prominent Negroes are invited guests. The theme of the conference is "America as the Black Man's Battleground - Unite or Perish."

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\*Highland Park, Illinois - An anti-war organization (no further information) has announced plans for a march from Jewett Park to Mooney Park where a rally will be held to protest "War in general and the United States' involvement in Vietnam in particular." There have reportedly been instances of individuals attempting to recruit Ft. Sheridan GI's to participate. The sponsors allegedly expect 700 to 2,000 persons.

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\*Minneapolis, Minnesota - A rally, march, and demonstration is to occur in the Minneapolis area. The march is to start at the University of Minnesota and move to the Federal Building for a wreath laying ceremony and then on to Loring Park for a picnic and speeches by representatives of various anti-war and anti-draft organizations. Sponsors include the Minnesota Mobilizations Committee, SDS, YSA, Mother for Peace, and Clergy and Laymen concerned about Vietnam.

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\*New York, New York - The Veterans for Peace in Vietnam will sponsor a Memorial Day march from Columbus Circle to 24th Street and 5th Avenue where an "Anti-war Memorial Meeting" will be held. The march is scheduled to begin at approximately 1230 hours and the meeting at approximately 1430 hours. The demonstration is co-sponsored by peace groups, veteran groups, trade union groups, students, professional groups, and religious groups.

Similar demonstrations are being planned by organizations in Chicago; Cleveland; Philadelphia; Washington, D. C.; Buffalo, New York; Richmond, Virginia; Baltimore; Kennewick; and other cities.

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\*Cleveland, Ohio - The Cleveland Area Peace Action Council has handed out leaflets at Case Western Reserve University in preparation for a peace march in Cleveland on the above date. The group is to assemble at the Lagoon in front of the Cleveland Art Museum at 1200 hours, when an address will be given by Dr. Sidney PECK, a member of the National Mobilization Committee. At 1300 hours the group will proceed to downtown Cleveland for a peace rally. The number of persons expected is unknown at this time.

May 30 - June 1

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\*San Jose, California - A Mexican-American group, known as the Chicanos, reportedly plans to disrupt the Fiesta De Las

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Rosas Parade. The Chicanos are allegedly planning to create traffic jams by causing the stoppage of the leading floats in the parade. No further information is available.

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\*Dayton, Ohio - A rally is planned for Riverside Park, and is to be sponsored by SDS from the University of Dayton, Wright State University, Wilberforce University, Central State University, and Antioch and Miami Universities. The purpose is to coordinate anti-war activities for the schools.

May 31

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23 May '69

\*Cleveland, Ohio - The Cleveland Area Peace Council, a group in opposition to the War in Vietnam, has received a special invitation to participate in a "Mass Peace March" to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on 31 May to "Mourn the GI's who died in Vietnam and bring the live ones home now." The YSA and the Communist Party of Ohio, are supporting this march. A similar march is to be held in Dayton, Ohio, on the same date sponsored by SDS, YSA, and other groups.

June 2

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\*The Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee is sponsoring a "mass public meeting" which will deal with the "fight against Government repression of the anti-war movement; the struggle for black liberation; and the movement for GI and student rights." Speakers will include individuals active in the anti-war movement.

Murray KEMPTON, Dave DELLINGER, the Black Panthers, James JOHNSON of the Ft. Hood Three, Mary MOYLAN of the Catonsville Nine, anti-war GI's, and others are inviting the public to "join the conspiracy" at a mass meeting at Manhattan Center at 7:30. -Daily World- 16 May 1969

"Join the conspiracy against war, racism, and poverty," the call issued by the Vietnam Peace Committee read.

June 2 - 17

\*Jackson, Mississippi - A Mississippi SCLC sponsored march is scheduled to begin at Batesville, Mississippi, on 2 June and arrive at Jackson on 17 June. The participants plan to demonstrate at either the state capitol or the governor's mansion to express discontent over the recent meeting between Ralph ABERNATHY and Pres. NIXON. - AICR-9148

June 3

Washington, D. C. - The National Citizen's Lobby, New York City, will lobby at Washington, D. C., to protest the ABM system.

June 5

\*Moscow, USSR - The conference of the world Communist parties is scheduled to open 5 June. Representatives from nearly sixty Communist countries on 23 May in Moscow began to make final plans for the World Communist summit meeting.

Most diplomats in Moscow believe that top leaders from as many as seventy Communist parties will attend the 5 June meeting - the first world Communist conference since 1960. Then virtually every party attended but, about fifteen are expected to boycott this one. Among these are six of the fourteen Communist parties that rule their countries. They are the parties of China, North Korea, No. Vietnam, Albania, Yugoslavia, and Cuba. Some diplomats believe the Cubans may yet send a delegation.

Gus HALL and Henry WINSTON, as General Secretary and National Chairman respectively of the CPUSA, will lead its delegation to the conference.

June 6

Twenty persons who have been charged with criminal contempt of court in connection with the demonstration and building takeover at Howard University earlier this month will be tried in U. S. District Court on 6 June.

On the same date commencement exercises will be held on the Howard campus in the evening. Judge Gerhard A. GESELL has issued another injunction restricting demonstrations forcing non-students off the campus and providing security at Howard during commencement exercises. Judge GESELL will order U. S. Marshals to enforce the court order if necessary. Says Judge GESELL, "This order is going to be carried out whether Howard University wants it carried out or not."

June 7

\*San Clemente, California - The Orange County Peace Center and the Los Angeles Peace Action Council plan to demonstrate during President NIXON's planned visit to his residence. - FBI-67617

June 7

Columbus, Ohio - On 16 May the Cleveland branch of the Young Socialist Alliance (youth arm of Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party) decided to organize an anti-war demonstration at Ohio State University during President NIXON's commencement address. YSA members plan to make periodic visits to the campus to organize the demonstration. The Student Mobilization

Committee had previously indicated it would work to build a demonstration against the press on that day.

It has been conjectured in the media that Nixon will utilize this speech to amplify and clarify the Administration policy on campus strife.

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\*It has been reported that a staff meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was held on 23 May in Birmingham, Alabama, with 75 representatives from various southern states present. A march from Birmingham to Montgomery, Alabama, was rescheduled from 27 May to 8 June. This march is to begin on 2 June in various Alabama cities and to arrive in Montgomery on 8 June. It will thereafter, proceed to Washington, D. C., via various cities and is scheduled to arrive on 22 June. The projected itinerary calls for passage through several cities in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. It was announced that the SCLC will institute a new policy with regard to arrests which will involve leaving those people in jail who are arrested rather than paying bond so that the taxpayers will feed them. The above campaign of the SCLC involves a demand for assistance to the poor in the form of food, income, and jobs.

June 9 - 15

On concluding their National Council Meeting in Austin, Texas, on 30 March SDS participants scheduled their next National Council meeting for June. Apparently no radical changes in SDS policy came from the Austin meeting.

SDS has been rebuffed in several attempts to secure a midwest college as a site for the meeting. As it did in Texas in March, SDS may have to resort to other than college-owned facilities.

June 21 - 24

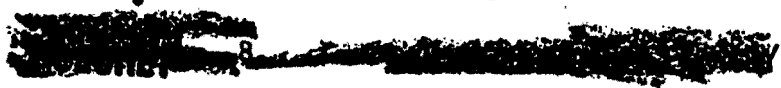
Daily  
World  
(Communist)

14 May 1969

\*Berlin, Germany - The World Federation of Trade Unions (Communist) has issued a call to all the trade unions of the world urging support of the World Peace Assembly in Berlin.

The WFTU call says:

"The World Peace Assembly is open to all persons and organizations fighting for universal peace, for a world without the danger of new wars." The call says, the Assembly will



meet to discuss jointly the main problems agitating mankind today: Vietnam, European security, the Middle East, neo-colonialism and national independence, disarmament.

"The questions that will be in the center of the discussion at the Berlin World Assembly are among the main concerns of the WFTU and of the international trade union movement.

"This is why the WFTU supports this big undertaking, held on the initiative of the World Council of Peace in cooperation with other international and national organizations."

July 18 - 21

San Francisco, California - Reportedly, Black Panther Party Headquarters in Berkeley, California, has announced that a "Revolutionary Convention" of the Black Panther Party will be held during this time. Attendance will be mandatory.

July 30

\*Tokyo - The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo) recently announced five points on which the 15th World Conference against atomic and hydrogen bombs will concentrate.

*Daily  
World  
(Communist)*

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The five items listed are:

1. Opposition to the U. S. aggressive war in Vietnam. Realization of complete victory of the Vietnamese people. Strengthening of further aid to the Vietnamese people. Opposition to war provocation against Korea.
2. Prevention of nuclear warfare. Complete prohibition of nuclear weapons. For the immediate future, conclusion of a treaty to prohibit the use of nuclear weapons.
3. Abolition of the nuclearized Japan-U. S. military alliance - "nuclearized security treaty system." - Abrogation of the Security Treaty. Immediate, unconditional and complete reversion of Okinawa. Withdrawal of military bases. Prohibition of the bringing in of nuclear weapons. Opposition to Japanese nuclear armaments and revival of militarism.
4. Together with bomb victims, strengthen the relief campaign for bomb victims aiming for complete prohibition of nuclear



weapons. Enactment of law to assist the victims of the bombs.

5. Strengthening of the struggle for international solidarity and mutual assistance.

SOURCE: Government and news media

RELIABILITY: Probably true